

U S B Mint New Orleans  
March 29<sup>th</sup> 1839

Sir

Your letters of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> inst.  
are before me. The pair of half dollar dies which  
you sent on the 12<sup>th</sup> have also arrived.

I stated to Mr. Tyler that you advised  
the dies of 1838 be not used and I suggested  
that it would be best to return them to you,  
thinking that they might serve some purpose, but he  
thought it not worth while. I have to request that  
you give me such directions in relation to the dies  
of 1838 now on hand in this Branch Mint as the  
case requires.

I have the pleasure of informing you  
that Mr. Tyler has got the half dollar coining  
press in operation. He commenced striking on the  
evening of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst and the press is now  
performing admirably.

I Remain

Your Faithful Servant  
David Bradford  
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P.S. The quarter Eagle dies, two for, sent  
by you on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst have arrived.  
D. B.